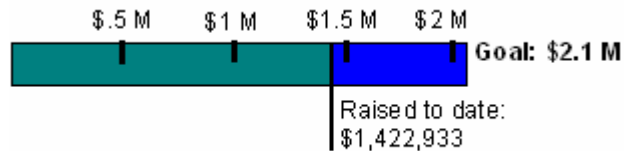


Mount Baker Rowing & Sailing Center Expansion

Project numbers to date—yes, we still need money!

Recent gifts bring the total funds raised to **\$1,422,933**. Although the latest total project estimate (including design, engineering, permitting, and project management costs) breaks the \$2 million mark, construction costs (including contingencies and tax) remain more or less steady at about \$1.66 million.



Please check your mailbox

Capital fundraising letters have recently gone out to current and past participants at Baker. You may inadvertently be on a couple of different lists (masters, junior parents, alumni and so on), so if you get more than one letter, we're just trying to be thorough. You might also have received letters for the Junior Crew Rowathon. Rowathon gifts are earmarked for new boats and some junior regatta expenses. Unfortunately we're trying to fill two different coffers at the same time. The Boating Council thanks all who have given to either or both good causes.

Many of our main sources of funding (Department of Neighborhoods, the King County Youth Sports Facility Grant, King County budget allocations) are reimbursement grants, meaning we must submit invoices for work performed before we receive the grant. To have sufficient startup funds, we must collect as many outstanding pledges as possible. **Please send in your pledge forms and pay outstanding pledges as soon as possible. Everyone's help is critical to the success of this project.**

Watch the fundraising progress on the campaign sign

A new campaign sign is up near the Mount Baker boathouse entry. Join the race to the fundraising finish and help those boats get across the \$2.1 million line! The nifty little boats on the sign are the work of master rower and woodworker **Chris Vondrasek**. Thank you Chris!

Project to go to bid in May

Peggy and the Boating Council are working with Abrams Architects and Andy Sheffer, Senior Capital Improvement Coordinator for Seattle Parks, to ready the project for the bid process. Before we go to bid, we must have sufficient funds to complete all exterior work and ensure the project appears "finished" from the street. Finished interior areas—showers and locker rooms, the upstairs meeting room, and new office—are to be included in the bid package as additive deducts, meaning we can roll them into the construction schedule as funds become available. Bidding in this way will allow us to begin construction right after Labor Day even though we are still looking for money.

Trees moved in preparation for construction

Former masters crew coach **Roy Mangle** and his company **Design by Nature** submitted the lowest bid to move 28 large trees to their new homes around the boathouse. Roy performed the job at cost, donating any profit to the capital campaign. Heavy winds made a tough job miserable. Thank you, Roy and your crew, for persevering in trying circumstances. Siting for the trees is the pro bono work of landscape architect and master rower **Ned Gulbran**—thank you Ned. Drive by and admire their work.

Gary Merlino Construction and H. D. Fowler to provide new water line

It is who you know. Specs said we needed a new 4-inch water line to support the sprinkler system, a \$30,000 budget item. Some phone calls and emails resulted in donations of labor and materials.

Dawn Ingram, former master rower, got her employer **Gary Merlino** to provide the heavy equipment. Pipe and fittings were donated by **H. D. Fowler**, employer of **Jody Kauffman**, a former junior crew coach and wife of **Jason**, the women's varsity crew coach. One day soon Dawn and her Merlino buddies will come (on their one day off) to dig the trench and install the line. Thank you to all who made this good deal happen. Now if we could only get someone to donate the costly little water pressure regulator...

Can you help us get more in-kind donations like this, especially for building materials? Contact Peggy at the Mount Baker office, 206-386-1913 if you can provide good leads or have questions.

Mount Baker Community Club, Leschi Community Council endorsements

At a well attended meeting of the Mount Baker Community Club February 7, Major Donor Committee Chair **Jean Zatochill** and campaign consultant **Andrea John-Smith** presented an update of the boathouse expansion and our ongoing capital campaign. Junior Crew Men's Captain **Courty Stanton** also spoke warmly about the experience he and other young people have enjoyed at the Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center.

Jean took this opportunity to thank **Ron Sims** for the King County budget allocation of \$250,000 and to announce that the Mount Baker Boating Advisory Council has donated \$1000 to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund in his honor. Jean also asked for the Club's formal endorsement of the project. Not only was the endorsement passed unanimously, but MBCC President **Pat Murakami** and **Jerry Morales**, President of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, very generously wrote us checks on the spot for the capital campaign.

The following week, Peggy, Jean, and occasional sidekick Holly attended the Leschi Community Council meeting and also obtained their unanimous endorsement. Thank you very much, neighbors, for your support!

Thank you donors!

The following people have contributed to the expansion campaign to date. A profound thank you from the Mount Baker Boating Advisory Council. (Most recent donations highlighted in red.)

(If you've made a donation recently and your name does not appear here, your pledge or check hasn't made it through our bookkeeping yet. We'll make sure your name appears next month. Thanks!)

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Past News

King County budgets \$250,000 for the expansion

Ron Sims, King County Executive (and Master of Ceremonies at our November auction) informed us recently that he has allocated \$250,000 in the 2005 King County budget for the expansion. These funds are in addition to the \$45,000 King County Youth Sports Facility Grant we received earlier this fall. The Boating Council is very grateful for this generous backing from the County, which is crucial in our efforts to solicit gifts from individuals.

November auction nets over \$70,000

For our first live auction we did pretty well, netting more than \$70,000. Our thanks to everyone who attended the auction and made it a success. Special thanks go to the many people who donated auction items and the volunteers who worked themselves ragged if not quite to death. The Boating Council gives a big group hug to **Carole Button**, our VP and Super Auction Chair. We certainly learned some lessons that will help future auctions run more smoothly and be even more fun and successful.

The food from **St. Clouds** was ample and delicious, and **John Platt** the chef had high praise for the **Mount Baker Junior Crew members** who served the food so efficiently and cheerfully. John said he had never worked with volunteers who had done such a good job. The junior crew also set up the tables and auction items and took it all down at the end of the evening. Thank you, young men and women of Mount Baker!

A highlight of the auction was the recognition of **George Corkery's gift of \$100,000**. His is our largest single private gift to date. George has rowed at Mount Baker since it opened in 1985 and has quietly supported its day-to-day operation in a number of ways—building boat stretchers, repairing boats, and donating regularly to the youth scholarship fund. We truly can't thank this wonderful friend enough.